

that support listed species, riparian areas, or other specifically designated areas. Permissible activities include authorized biological survey and some restoration and/or invasive species removal, but no unsupervised public access.

The designated Core Habitat is an area called La Cañada Verde which is north and west of the Arroyo Pescadero Trailhead. This area currently provides undisturbed breeding habitat for wildlife and native vegetation which is recovering in the absence of human disturbance.

### **2.2.3 Goals**

The RMP includes goals and objectives that are intended to implement the vision and mission of the Habitat Authority. A compendium of all RMP objectives is contained in Appendix A of this Initial Study for reference. RMP goals are listed below.

- BIO-1: Acquire remaining open space that strengthens the ecological functioning of the Preserve.
- BIO-2: Reduce risk of wildfires and property loss along the wildland urban interface.
- BIO-3: Maintain all populations of native plants and wildlife with special emphasis on management of locally uncommon, sensitive, federally-threatened or endangered species and other sensitive resources.
- BIO-4: Enhance and restore degraded habitats in the Preserve.
- BIO-5: Implement monitoring programs designed to identify ecosystem threats and guide adaptive management of the Preserve by tracking the health, function, and integrity of habitats and ecological processes.
- BIO-6: Encourage university-level research to address unanswered fundamental biological questions.
- BIO-7: Develop an in-house data storage and analysis system.
- CULT-1: Protect and preserve important cultural resources.
- CULT-2: Preserve and interpret the remains of the Whittier Oil Field as a significant historic site for the education and enjoyment of Preserve visitors.
- CULT-3: Follow established protocol if human remains are encountered during ground-disturbing activities in the Preserve.
- CULT-4: Record, identify and preserve paleontological resources if found on the Preserve.
- USE-1: Provide a trail system that protects natural resources of the Preserve.
- USE-2: Enforce protection of the varied resources and promote an enjoyable and safe environment for visitors.

- USE-3: Create a trail system that provides a broad public benefit by accommodating diverse uses and user abilities, consistent with the purposes of the Habitat Authority.
- USE-4: Accommodate parking, access points, and trail amenities that maintain the natural character of the land, enhance resource protection and contribute to the enjoyment of open space.
- INTERP-1: Enhance public stewardship of the Preserve, appreciation of the value of the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority, conservation issues in general, and the property's significance within the Los Angeles basin consistent with the biological objectives of the Preserve.
- INTERP-2: Provide a trail system that promotes and enhances public enjoyment and appreciation of the natural, cultural and scenic resources.
- VISUAL-1: Protect and enhance views and distinctive landscape features that contribute to the setting, character and visitor experience of the Preserve.
- MAINT-1: Maintain facilities on the Preserve to ensure that biological resource values are maintained and that management activities are supported.
- MAINT-2: Remove litter, trash and debris that may attract nonnative wildlife and reduce the aesthetic values of the Preserve.
- MAINT-3: Establish facilities to enhance appreciation and encourage research about the natural resources of the Preserve.

## 2.2.4 Proposed Management Actions

Proposed management of the Preserve will remain consistent with the Habitat Authority's mission and vision for the Preserve. As such, the Habitat Authority will protect and preserve the native habitat in the Preserve for the benefit of its natural resources. That Habitat Authority will continue to provide outdoor education and low-impact recreation consistent with resource protection goals. A summary of the management actions proposed in the RMP is provided below.

**Property Acquisition.** Land acquisition provides the Habitat Authority with opportunities to work toward protecting key parcels necessary to ensure the connectivity and biological integrity of the wildlife movement corridor and to address key management issues. Land would be strategically acquired when the opportunity arises, particularly in natural areas threatened by development. The Habitat Authority would acquire properties that are contiguous to the Preserve from willing sellers for the purposes of protecting natural, cultural, and visual resources. The Habitat Authority would utilize the Acquisition Prioritization Criteria adopted by the Board in October 2004 to assist in making investment decisions. The acquisition criteria, in order of importance, include: 1) wildlife corridors/habitat linkages; 2) ecological value; 3) restoration factors; and 4) opportunity for joint recreational use.

**Fire Management and Fuel Modification.** The proximity of residential development to the Preserve creates the need to consider wildfire safety within the Preserve and in surrounding